

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY
2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lythgoe (Chair), Cllrs Lee, Mitchell, Spenser, Mrs Coyle & Miss Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press), R F Hill (Clerk) and Messrs Roberts & Waters (Public).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE

1. Liberation Day, 20 May 2010 at Bretby Conference Centre - an event designed to provide older people from across South Derbyshire with equipment, information and tips to help them stay safe. Priority will be given this year to those who have not attended before and the registration line will be open from 22 March to 6 April. Successful applicants will receive the Liberation Day 2010 Pack containing their transport information, entry ticket and meal voucher. The lower age limit to qualify for entry is 65 and applicants must be South Derbyshire residents, or carers.

2. Aone+, Building 1, Core 27, Sherwood Business Park, Nottingham NG15 0EB, who manage and maintain the Highways Agency Area 7 trunk road network in the East Midlands, have advised that emergency diversion route signing is to be implemented, consisting of alterations to existing and installation of new traffic signage in order to formalise the routes to be taken by traffic in the event of unplanned incidents resulting in the closure of the A5111 (Raynesway) and A6 Alvaston Bypass. The signs will appear on the A6/A50 spur and the B5010 Shardlow Road.

3. Electoral Review for South Derbyshire; change is unlikely to affect the parish as it will still be served by 3 district councillors. It is proposed to take Barrow on Trent out of the Aston Ward.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. The negotiations between Derbyshire County Council and Elvaston Parochial Church Council over the right to park along the lane leading to the church remain unresolved.

2. In an attempt to accelerate the process involving the lease of Elvaston Castle to Highgate Sanctuary, CCllr Harrison is attempting to arrange a meeting with senior representatives of Highgate Sanctuary and English Heritage.

3. The county's ruling group is trying to keep council tax for 2010/11 as low as possible but faces having to deal with a £60M deficit, spiralling elderly adult care and landfill costs together with minimal interest earnings on deposits. Priority will be given to adult care and highway maintenance.

OPEN SESSION

1. Progress on Avenue of Oaks?

2. Progress on measures to deal with increasing noise from the A50?

3. Progress on understanding the effect of the Raynesway Industrial Park development on River Derwent downstream flood risk?

4. What powers/duties does the parish council have regarding the welfare of elderly/infirm parishioners?

5. Mr Waters asked to speak at agenda item 14, Gravel & Flooding.

POLICE REPORT

None.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.01.10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Strand and Wainwright.

2.01.10: ELECTIONS TO FILL TWO VACANCIES

Elvaston Boulton Moor Ward: no nominations received - SDDC to set another date for an election.

Elvaston Rural Ward: one nomination received from Simon Spenser, 5 Barrons Court, Elvaston.

Mr Spenser was therefore returned unopposed.

3.01.10: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4.01.10: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/seconded by Cllrs Russell/Lee and agreed that the circulated minutes of the 14 December 2009 meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5.01.10: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor's Report

1. Event to be advertised on the notice boards.
2. Noted.
3. Noted.

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County Councillor's Report

1. Noted.
2. Noted.
3. Noted.

Open Session

1. Reply awaited from SDDC Planning.
2. Reply awaited from Highways Agency.
3. Reply awaited from Environment Agency.
4. Clerk to check.
5. Granted.

6.01.10: CLERK'S REPORT

1. DCC Highways are proposing to improve the Broad Lane/London Road junction.
2. Bus shelters: 1st half precept 2010/11 will be received from SDDC in April (£5000). The Clerk asked members if they would give instructions then for the order of bus shelters and if so, where they were to be located. The Chairman said that the Derby bound stops at Thulston and The Greenway were seen as the first priorities but that grants/sponsorship had to be forthcoming and maintenance arrangements agreed before orders could be placed.
3. Training: Cllrs Lee, Lythgoe, Russell and Strand expressed a wish to go on the Law & Good Practice for Parish Councils course at Ashbourne on 22 February, 6.00pm for 6.30pm until 8.30pm, including a light buffet tea. The cost per member is £15. Cllr Spenser said he also hoped to attend.
4. Summer Play provision on Boulton Moor. The Clerk has looked to see if there might be a suitable site on the land currently earmarked for development under the outline planning scheme to extend the Boulton Moor residential area. There has to be vehicular access so that the SDDC team can get their van on the site to erect the equipment and there has to be some means for parents to get there in safety with their children. It is not apparent that an area currently exists which meets those criteria. Cllr Lee said he would explore the ground for a suitable site.
5. Water flow gauge at Borrowash Bridge. SDDC may have funds available to pay for a height marker board.
6. The Clerk is now in possession of the latest Electoral Register (2010).

7.01.10: PLANNING

Applications

None.

Decisions

9 2009 0858 NO - ten cat pen block and pergola at Old Camellia Farm, Elvaston: GRANTED.

9 2009 0947 TP - felling and pruning of TPO 9 trees at 6 Grove Court, Thulston: GRANTED.

8.01.10: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 799 - Severn Trent Water, water to the allotments

£ 27.26

cq 800 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages, 4 weeks to 10 January

77.89

cq 801 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for January

239.78

cq 802 - Elvaston V.H. Trust, room hire in 2009

120.00

cq 803 - Elvaston V.H. Trust, V.H. cleaning costs 1 Sept 08 to 21 Dec 09

768.00

9.01.10: ELECTORAL REVIEW FOR SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

It was agreed that the dialogue to get the two wards, Boulton Moor and Elvaston Rural, divided into separate parishes should be begun as soon as possible but recognising that Boulton Moor will not be able to operate as a separate parish until the necessary infrastructure is in place.

10.01.10: COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN FOR CIVIL EMERGENCIES

The Clerk said that the above plan still needed to be completed in order to provide the community with a framework that can be used to hold information to facilitate a community response during a local emergency. He agreed to start the process but said he would need the help of members to complete some of the more local information.

11.01.10: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES

Cllr Lee said that the recent icy road conditions had shown that there was an urgent need for grit boxes (2 or 3) on Boulton Moor: Clerk to ask DCC Highways to provide boxes.

12.01.10: GRAVEL & FLOODING

1. The Environment Agency (EA) has received approval for the Derby section of the Lower Derwent flood defence scheme and should now be in a position to focus on the area downstream. Tim Ives of EA has offered to attend the March meeting to give an update to members.

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2. The Clerk was asked to contact Phil Stubbs in the County Council's planning department to establish a date, venue, attendees and agenda items for the meeting to talk about gravel extraction (Tarmac's northern extension) and its effect on the risk of flooding at Ambaston (see Minute 4.10.09 [1.] & Item 6 of the County Councillor's report at the 9 November 2009 meeting). It was agreed that the Clerk, Messrs Roberts & Waters and Cllrs Lythgoe & Mitchell should attend if available.

3. Mr Waters said that the Ambaston flood bank valves could not be operated by local people in the event of an emergency without the use of potentially damaging force. Cllr Mitchell undertook to talk to EA to get the matter resolved.

13.01.10: ELVASTON CASTLE

The estate buildings and monuments survey is now complete and it remains for English Heritage to decide the detailed arrangements for the work to be done.

14.01.10: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Elvaston WI has reported that it is seeking to have a notice board located somewhere in the village in order to promote its activities.

15.01.10: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- Melbourne Area meeting, Tuesday 2 February at Melbourne, 7.00pm;

- Elvaston Parish Council meeting, Monday 8 February, 7.30pm;
- Elvaston Gravel Liaison meeting, Wednesday 31 March at Elvaston Castle.